

BACKGROUND

In the wake of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, LWR is working to meet the immediate and long-term needs of Haiti's underserved rural people. The quake killed an estimated 230,000 and left millions homeless and in desperate need of help. In addition, already struggling rural communities are now coping with the mass migration of nearly 600,000 earthquake survivors, placing a particular strain on local economies and food supply. With over 14 years experience and expertise in rural Haiti, LWR is at the forefront of the rural response and has committed \$6 million to relief and recovery efforts.

LWR AND PARTNERS ARE RESPONDING

To help ease the stress on rural communities, LWR is working with several partners to provide immediate relief while developing a long-term response. With Partenariat pour le Développement Local (PLD), a local Haitian organization, LWR will help communities in the regions north of Port-au-Prince where most displaced people are migrating. The emergency response will focus on food, water, temporary shelter and sanitation. Similarly, LWR is working with partner World Neighbors to grow food, restore local economies, rebuild infrastructure, get people back to work, and provide necessary health and sanitation measures in those same regions.

LWR is also working with the Actions by Churches Together (ACT) global aid alliance to ensure people have immediate access to food, water, and shelter in and around Port-au-Prince. LWR has committed more than \$750,000 to providing temporary shelter, food and access to water and sanitation services. Since the earthquake, LWR has also sent thousands of health kits, layettes, and quilts to partners Christian Aid, Church World Service, and International Relief and Development. These items are being distributed to people badly affected by the earthquake and LWR is mobilizing more resources for future shipments to Haiti.

Thank you for your help! Thanks to the generous support of our donors, Lutheran World Relief has raised enough funds to commit \$6 million to immediate and long-term recovery work in Haiti following January's devastating earthquake. Yet many communities around the world continue to suffer the effects of poverty every day.

Help keep the work of LWR going. Your unrestricted gift to LWR helps us respond swiftly to emergencies and continue working alongside rural communities to build better lives. To contribute online, click the link below. Your gift will be used where the need is greatest.

During regular business hours, Monday through Friday, you may also call 800.597.5972, or mail a check or money order to:

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Trucks from NCA local partner Viva Rio load up with water and deliver it to residents of the Kay Nou tent encampment in the Bel Air neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, February 16, 2010. (Photo by Jonathan Ernst/LWR/ACT Alliance)



Boys watch as trucks from NCA local partner Viva Rio deliver water to residents of the Kay Nou tent encampment in the Bel Air neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, February 16, 2010. NCA/Viva Rio manages five water trucks. (Photo by Jonathan Ernst/LWR/ACT Alliance)



A girl takes water as trucks from NCA local partner Viva Rio deliver it to two rooftop bladders for residents of the Kay Nou tent encampment in the Bel Air neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. (Photo by Jonathan Ernst/LWR/ACT Alliance)